

## Office of the Commission on Police Practices

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### **Commission on Police Practices Makes Recommendations for San Diego Police Department's Use of Force Opinion Approval Process**

At its August 24, 2021 Open Meeting, the Commission on Police Practices (Commission) voted to make public recommendations the Commission submitted to the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Chief of Police in a confidential memo dated August 12, 2021.

The Commission made the following three recommendations:

**Recommendation 1:** Use of Force opinions shall include only facts available and not include potential scenarios that do not/did not exist nor narratives of what "could" happen

**Recommendation 2:** Training Command Staff (lieutenant or captain) shall review, approve and sign off on all Use of Force opinions

**Recommendation 3:** The police department's legal counsel shall review all Use of Force opinions to ensure the opinion is legally valid, within existing procedure and appropriate given the circumstances.

As the City of San Diego's police oversight Commission, in addition to raising concerns when law enforcement officers fail to follow SDPD's policies and procedures, it is also the Commission's responsibility to make recommendations when necessary.

The Commission thanks Chief Nisleit for his consideration on the Commission's recommendations and looks forward to his response.